GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Office of the Inspector General



Inspector General

November 22, 2021

The Honorable Muriel E. Bowser Mayor District of Columbia 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Mayor's Correspondence Unit, 3rd Floor, Suite 316 Washington, D.C. 20004

Re: SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY REPORT, Control Number 2017-0537

Dear Mayor Bowser:

An investigation conducted by the OIG and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) revealed that from at least on or before October 2017 through at least on or before August 2018, Samson Olawale Afolabi, a.k.a, Samson Alfolabi, a member of the public, engaged in a conspiracy to launder the proceeds of bank fraud schemes. On April 2, 2021, Mr. Afolabi pled guilty to one count of Conspiracy to Launder Monetary Instruments, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1956(h).

On September 30, 2021, Mr. Afolabi was sentenced in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia for fraudulently obtaining stolen checks intended for third-parties, establishing sham corporations and bank accounts in the name of the third-parties for whom the checks were intended, and then depositing or attempting to deposit the stolen checks in sham bank accounts controlled by Mr. Afolabi or co-conspirators. Mr. Afolabi was sentenced to 3 years of supervised probation, a forfeiture money judgement in the amount of \$152,692.08, and ordered to pay a \$100 court assessment fee for defrauding the Department of Human Services (DHS) and members of the public. In addition, the court ordered Mr. Afolabi and co-defendant Kelvin Otunyo to pay restitution in the amount of \$73,804.57.

If any additional information is needed, please contact me or Meredith Helm, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, at (202) 322-5864 or <u>Meredith.helm@dc.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

Daniel W. Lucas Inspector General

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